Special allowance to the staff of NEHU posted in North-Eastern States

2560. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the teaching staff and officials of the North-Eastern Hill University (NEHU) are paid special allowance when posted in the North Eastern States;

(b) if so, what is the amount thereof;

(c) whether the said allowance is also paid to the staff and officials of the NEHU hailing from that Region; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) and (b) The Central Government had decided in December, 1983, to sanction a Special (Duty Allowance of 25 per cent of the basic pay subject to a maximum of Rs. 400/- per month to those posted in the North-Eastern Region, whose recruitment and promotion are made on an All-India basis. This allowance is, however, not payable to the employees who are exempt from payment of income-tax. On this anology, the UGC has decided to sanction a similar Special (Duty) Allowance to teachers appointed by the University from States other than those in the North-Eastern Region.

(c) and (d) As this Allowance is not admissible to officials locally recruited in the Central Government offices in the North-Eastern Region, the non-teaching employees of the University have not been sanctioned this benefit.

Publication by the Tariqui-e-Urdu Board

2561. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of titles and books published till date by the Taraqui-e-Urdu Board, a Bureau for promotion of Urdu;

(b) the number of titles under preparation;

(c) what is the total number of staff of the Bureau; and

(d) what is the annual budget, the annual grants and expenditure of the Board?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) The Bureau for Promotion of Urdu has prepared and published 510 books in Urdu in various disciplines including books prepared for agencies like National Council of Educational Research and Training, Government of Tamil Nadu, Anjuman Taraqui Urdu (Hindi) etc.

(b) About 515 titles are under various stages of preparation.

(c) At present, the Bureau has 52 staff members working in various capacities.

(d) The total plan and non-plan budget provision made for the current financial year to meet expenditure on establishment and programmes of the Bureau for Promotion of Urdu is Rs. 56.50 lakhs. The total expenditure of the Bureau the last 3 years is as follows:—

	(Rs in lakhs)
1982-83	26.07
1983-84	30.21
1984-85	40.33

Percentage of food adulteration in Delhi

2562. SHRIMATI USHA MALHOTRA:
DR. LOKESH CHANDRA:
SHRIMATI KAILASHPATI:
SHRI P. N. SUKUL:
SHRI ROSHAN LAL:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a survey was conducted in the year 1984-85 to find out the percentage of food adulteration in Delhi; and

(b) whether the food adulteration is highest in the semi-urban areas of Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Preven-